

House Resolution No. 3085

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Paul and Elaine Swoford, esteemed residents of St. Clair, Missouri, were honored as the proud recipients of the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce Educators of the Year Award during a special presentation held March 29, 2003, at the St. Clair Elks Lodge; and

Whereas, Paul and Elaine Swoford have taught Band in the St. Clair R-XIII School District for more than twenty years, during which time they have played an integral role in the music education of countless students and have helped them to express themselves through music; and

Whereas, native Missourians, Paul and Elaine Swoford met while attending Central Methodist College in Fayette and got married following their graduation; and

Whereas, Paul and Elaine Swoford are both extremely talented musicians who can play several instruments and have helped the St. Clair High School Band to win numerous prestigious awards and music contests; and

Whereas, the St. Clair High School Band is consistently rated one of the top high school bands in the Show-Me State and puts on many spectacular performances each year that are enjoyed by the entire St. Clair community; and

Whereas, throughout their impressive teaching career, Paul and Elaine Swoford have distinguished themselves as friends and mentors to countless youth and credit their success to the support and loyalty of the school district, parents, students, and the entire St. Clair community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Paul and Elaine Swoford at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to touch the hearts and minds of Missouri youngsters through excellence in music education; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Educators of the Year, Paul and Elaine Swoford.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3085, adopted May 21, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker